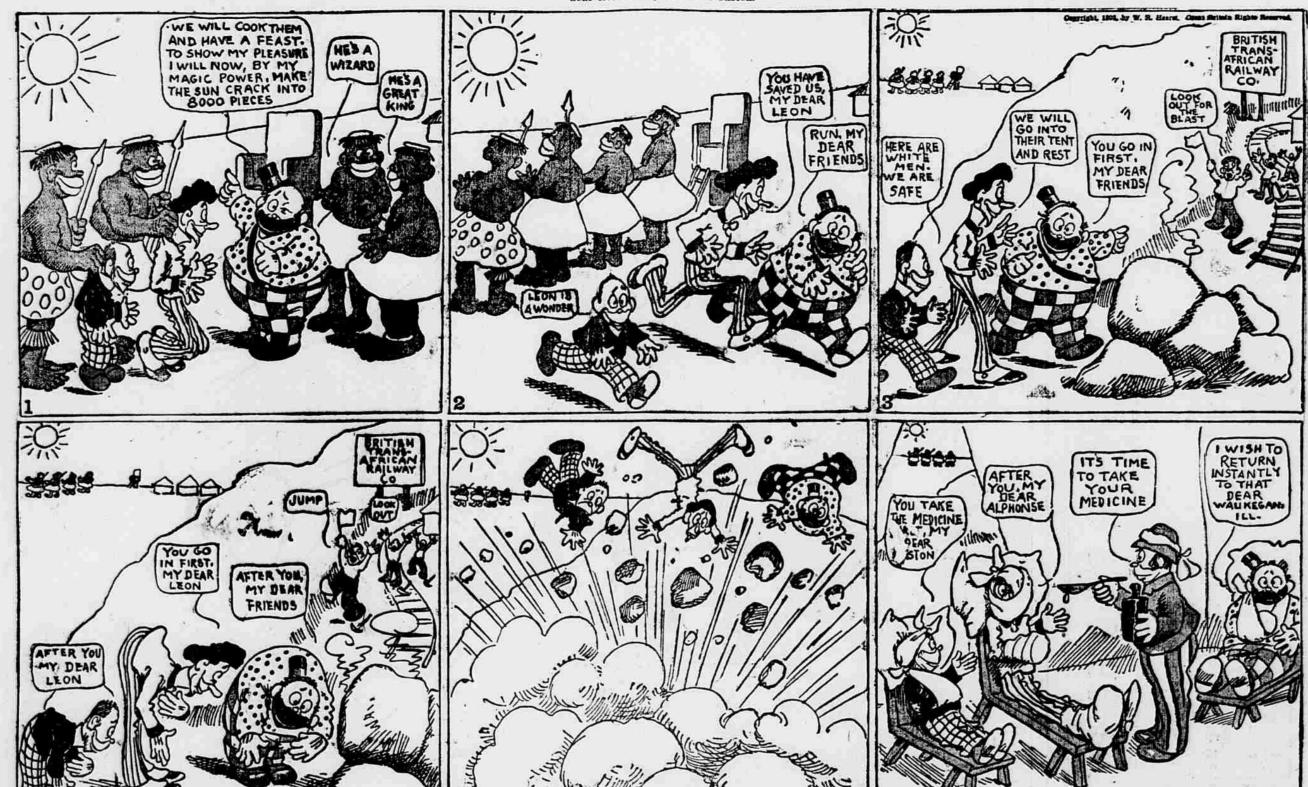
ALPHONSE, GASTON AND THEIR FRIEND LEON IN DARKEST AFRICA.

A Story of Incredible Adventures and Inexhaustible Politeness. In Four Chapters. Chapter 4.

Leon was captured by African Pygmies, who were about to cook him when a feroclous tiger sent them scampering off. Leon managed to escape from the tiger by swimming across a river. But on reaching the shore he was captured by another tribe of savages, who took such a liking to him that they made him their King. And while he was sitting on his rude throne whom should they bring in as prisoners but his dear friends-Alphonse and Gaston.





A TEST.

Kind Father: "My dear, if you want a good husband, marry Mr. Goodheart. He really and truly loves you."

Daughter: "Are you sure of that, pa?"

Kind Father: "Yes, indeed. I've been borrowing money of him for six months, and still he keeps coming."—Judy.



BETTER UNSAID.

Lady Visitor (who has been shown down a rather intricate staircase by her host): "S

The Host: "Not at all. A pleasure, I assure you."—The King.



HOW THEY GROV:

Stout Lady: "Don't you think it is a beautiful thing to see a young girl growing into woman-hood?"

Old Lady: "Yes, my dear! so many of them seem to want to grow into manhood."—Tattle.



Taffor (under his breath): "Gee! I'll never sell another pair of trousers before taking the measure!"



Officer: "What would you do if I were to take you to the station?"
The Kid: "Wot? Pinch me? Bay, youse don't know who I am! I'm de guy wot shints Aid. Graft's shoes every day!"



Bertie: "You don't call on Miss Lovelets any more. Have you got over your love for her?"

Algie: "No; her father has got ever his gout."



Model (wishing to say something pleasant): "You must have painted unconwell when you were young!"



Betty: "Mr. Cynique is too polished for words, isn't he?"
Harry: "Oh, dear, yes. Describing he says reflects on some com?